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Testimony to the Zoning Committee Tuesday, December 19, 2006 9:00am Committee Meeting Room

Re: Bill 86 (2006) Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTC)

Chair Djou and members of the Zoning committee:

I am Mike Kido, External Affairs of The Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a joint management-labor relations organization comprised of the Hawaii Carpenters Union and union builders.

As proposed the Council will effectively impose a moratorium through the adoption of Interim Development Controls (IDC), on issuance of building and grading permits and other development permits within:

- One-fourth (1/4) mile on either side of the alignment selected by the Council as the LPA; and
- One-half (1/2) mile of the location of any transit station, transit center, or proposed transit station or transit center, along the alignment selected by the Council as the LPA.

Upon approval of this IDC Ordinance, the ordinance will be in effect until the first to occur

- Twelve months from the enactment of this ordinance; or
- 2. The enactment of a TOD zoning ordinance regulating land used along the transit alignment and adjacent to transit stations or transit centers, and expressly specified by the Council as satisfying this contingency.

PRP supports the rationale and the intent of this proposed legislation, for orderly and comprehensive planning for development in and around the selected transit corridor. Increased density translates into increased transit rider-ship.

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PRP strongly recommends that the Council consider amendments to Bill 86 in order to minimize the potential impact on the regular course of business in Hawaii, especially within Hawaii's construction industry.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

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